List of ten nominators

1. WONG Wing Ping Joseph (BA 1969, MBuddStud 2008)
2. YEUNG Sum (BSocSc 1974, PhD 1990)
3. LEONG Kah Kit Alan (LLB 1982, PCLL 1983)
4. SIN Chung Kai (BSc 1982)
5. FUNG Wai Wah (BSocSc 1983, MSocSc 1993, PhD 2005)
6. AU Yiu Kai Paul (MBBS 1984)
7. YEP Kin Man Ray (BSocSc 1987, MPhil 1991)
10. NG Sze Nok Senia (LLB 2011, PCLL 2012)

Election Platform

Safeguarding Procedural Justice and Defending Institutional Autonomy

An unusual incident – ‘awaiting the arrival of Deputy Vice-Chancellor’ – occurred at HKU in June 2015, when the University Council, in violation of established procedures and practices, kept delaying the appointment of a Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University and even vetoed eventually the candidate recommended by the Selection Committee. This was followed by another unusual incident in December 2015, when LEUNG Chun-ying, the then Chief-Executive of HKSAR and Chancellor of HKU, ignoring strong objections from HKU’s stakeholders, appointed Arthur LI Kwok-cheung as HKU’s Council Chairman. A series of incidents like these make many alumni and me clearly feel that political interventions from outside the University have been causing damage to our procedural justice and pounding against the century-old foundation of our University.

In early February this year, President and Vice-Chancellor Peter Mathieson announced his departure from HKU one year ahead of the expiry of his employment contract. In the latter part of February, the University Council adopted procedures and criteria for the selection of the new President and Vice-Chancellor with Arthur LI Kwok-cheung serving as the Chairman of the Selection Committee¹. In order to ensure procedural justice and to prevent the recurrence of an incident like ‘awaiting the arrival of a Deputy Vice-Chancellor’, I have decided to stand for election by the Convocation to the Selection Committee for HKU’s next President and Vice-Chancellor and to push for developments in the following areas:

- **Safeguarding procedural justice**

I support the five selection criteria adopted by the Council²: the new President and Vice-Chancellor must have excellent academic standing and leadership, be a person of integrity, have a global vision, demonstrate management capability and possess effective interpersonal and communication skills. I advocate that the Selection Committee should, in accordance with established procedures and as quickly as possible, appoint a new President and Vice-Chancellor capable of leading HKU in meeting various challenges.

¹ http://www4.hku.hk/presidvc/AnnexII-Membership.pdf
• **Defending institutional autonomy**

Apart from the five criteria adopted by the Council, I believe that the new President and Vice-Chancellor must have the determination to defend academic freedom and institutional autonomy and resist interventions by external political forces.

• **Gathering the views of alumni and teaching staff**

I hope that the Convocation – a statutory advisory body for alumni and teaching staff established under the Hong Kong University Ordinance – can serve to gather the views of alumni and teaching staff. Although rules of confidentiality apply to the Selection Committee, I hope to be able to, via the Convocation if it agrees, exchange with alumni and teaching staff, our expectations of the new President and Vice-Chancellor and bring more voices of alumni and teaching staff into the Selection Committee so as to provide advice and assistance.